

LONG-TERM CARE SUPPORTS AND SERVICES ADVISORY  
COMMISSION  
CAPITOL VIEW - LANSING, MICHIGAN  
NOVEMBER 26, 2007  
MINUTES

**COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Robert Allison, RoAnne Chaney, Christine Chesny, Linda Ewing, Andrew Farmer, Connie Fuller, William Gutos, Dohn Hoyle, William Mania, Yolanda McKinney, Marsha Moers, Denise Rabidoux, Jon Reardon, Hollis Turnham, Toni Wilson NOTE: Reverend Charles Williams II phoned in then left the meeting shortly thereafter.

**EX OFFICIO AND OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Mary Ablan, Vickie Enright, Don Mussen, Michael Head, Sharon Gire, Sarah Slocum

**I. ORGANIZING OURSELVES**

**A. INTRODUCTIONS**

**B. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES** - Farmer provided a verbal annotation that staff of the Detroit-Wayne County LTC Connections were responsible for the successful LTC Commission meeting in Detroit, rather than the Detroit Area Agency on Aging as reflected in the minutes. Motion to approve minutes by Turnham, seconded by Reardon. Motion passed by voice vote.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** - Motion to approve the agenda by Turnham, seconded by Wilson. Motion passed by voice vote.

**D. REPORT OF CHAIR** – Routine meeting with Head to work on the November agenda. Turnham developed a follow-up memo, under Farmer's signature, on estate recovery. Since there was not a quorum at the October meeting, there are no minutes to be approved. However, in order to have a record of the meeting, notes were created. Any corrections to those notes should be directed to Farmer. Enright requested the notes be changed to reflect that she had attended the meeting.

**II. EXTERNAL SYSTEM MONITORING & EVALUATION**

**A. OLTCS DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Head distributed a handout as an update of office activities.

- LTC Connections - Barkey provided a powerpoint presentation of the status of the LTC Connection sites. The following are comments/questions from the presentation:
  - There is currently no data on the disposition of the inpatient hospital and emergency room referrals to the LTC Connections.
  - The LTC Connections has been educating the hospital discharge planners on the many programs available in their area. Creating the Resource database has been very time consuming.
  - The LTC Connection's considers a determination of not functionally eligible for nursing home as an "adverse action." It is too soon to develop any trends from this data.
  - Level of care determinations are not being completed for persons who need Medicaid redeterminations.
  - Level of care determinations are being completed for persons who are financially eligible for Medicaid and there is a nursing facility or MI Choice opening.
  - Level of care determinations are not completed on persons on the MI Choice waiting list. Rather, these persons are evaluated using the telephone intake guideline (TIG).
  - The LTC Connections are combining and reviewing the MI Choice waiting lists. It is too early in the process to determine an accurate count of persons on that list.
  - Some persons who no longer meet nursing facility level of care criteria remain in the nursing facility under Door 7 (service dependency, residing in the facility for over one year). This Door also applies to individuals in MI Choice.
  - The "other" category on the governing boards refers to persons who are retired and not consumers, county employees, DHS employees, educators, etc.
  - The size of the boards are as follows

	WM	SW	DWC	UP
Governing	10	9	19	9
Consumer Advisory	12	14	28	9

- The ServicePoint data base is an off-the-shelf product. that meets most of Michigan's needs. While it is very flexible, it is also very slow. It is not really consumer-centered.
- The Upper Peninsula uses 211 as their call center. Detroit and Southwest use 211 for after hours calls. These decisions are made at the local level.
- It was noted that consumers need a simpler language to understand LTC Connections. The Consumer Advisory Boards have been very helpful with this.
- There is expected to be enough data for meaningful reports in the spring of 2008. The State and LTC Connections are still determining what data is needed and the cost benefit analysis is just getting starting.
- The FY2008 contract amount is different from budget amount due to the funds for the evaluation. In addition, some funds are being held back for future LTC Connections staffing needs.
- Other Office Activities –
  - Considering an additional site for a prepaid LTC plan. This will depend on staff availability to administer another site.
  - Medicaid Infrastructure Grant - Head provided a summary of the status of this grant. At this time, there is no movement on re-opening the federal or state legislation to address barriers in the legislation. The cost analysis of this policy needs to be completed.
  - There is no progress on the State Profile grant. The State is waiting for CMS to provide direction.
  - Head provided an Office-conducted Comparison of Nursing Facility and MI Choice Costs in response to the Health Care Association of Michigan's Monthly Legislative Update for October 2007 regarding the cost of nursing facility care vs community care options. The Office needs the Department Director approval before sharing this information with the legislature. Reardon, as chair of the Health Care Association of Michigan expressed a desire to revisit this issue at a subsequent meeting.

## **B. PUBLIC COMMENT -**

- Sherry Miller, Director of 211 for United Way - Miller distributed a Michigan 211 Fact Sheet (attached) and encouraged close collaboration with the LTCC initiative.
- David Gehm, Michigan Association of Homes for the Aging - Gehm distributed information on a long term care financing system proposed by the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (attached). This proposal will require federal legislative action to mandate that people purchase universal LTC insurance and is being worked on at the national level as a ballot proposal. Several concepts are being explored to fund this initiative (e.g., increase FICA). MAHSA's goal is to push for a federal debate on universal LTC health care. The Commission is not able to promote the concept at this time, but may in the future.

### **III. COMMISSION ADVOCACY AND ACTION**

- A. LTC Insurance – Slocum questioned how state is going to design the partnership program if we're uncertain about estate recovery. Ablan expressed concern about overselling to those that don't need it and making sure that consumers are educated and aware.

**MOTION** - Turnham moves that the Commission support the AARP standards as presented at the October 22 meeting by Anita Salustro. Hoyle seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

- B. MI Choice Services in Licensed Settings - This is a concept that makes too much sense to ignore.

**MOTION** - Hoyle moves that the Commission should urge timely implementation of the provision of MI Choice services in licensed Adult Foster Care homes and advocate with the legislature for additional resources to fund this initiative. Turnham seconded. Motion passed by voice vote. Farmer to develop letter.

- C. Commissioners are reminded to use the Governor's appointment process for re-appointments and recommendations to fill vacant positions.

### **IV. ASSIGNMENTS, LOOKING AHEAD & ADJOURNMENT**

- A. There will be no meeting held in December.

**B.** The January Commission meeting will be used for workgroup work session and status reports; discussions of difficulties, logistics, staffing; common topics between workgroups and how they are being handled.

**MOTION** - Hoyle moved to deviate from the normal format for the January meeting to focus on work group activities. Second by Chaney. Motion passed by voice vote.

**C.** Executive Committee members were reminded of a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 3 at 3:30. Tichnell will provide dial-in information via e-mail.

**D. INDIVIDUAL COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

- Slocum noted there was a public testimony on Wednesday, November 28, 2007 regarding the Nursing Facility Certificate of Need Standards Recommendations from 9am - 1pm. The new standards allow for re-invention of nursing facilities in the model that the LTC Task Force would recommend. Many of the issues may have unintended consequences. While quality standards are important, the suggested tools may not be appropriate.
- Turnham - Paraprofessional Health Institute is offering the opportunity to share in the LTC "Train the Trainer - Coaching Supervision." This will occur in February, March, and April at Calvin College in Grand Rapids. Gutos noted that DLEG, OSHA) has similar trainings and techniques that could be used for this training. Turnham did indicate they had already pursued these opportunities and used many of them.

**E.** Motion to adjourn by Chaney. Reardon seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.